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Attached Tab B of OS response to OLC query. Please review for DDO and sanitize for sources and methods.

OGC material re Dade County not as complete as this record.

Thanks,

Rodger S. Gabrielson

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel
ATTENTION: Mr. Douglas T. Cummins
FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security
SUBJECT: Individuals of Interest to the House
Select Committee on Assassinations (U)

1. (U/AIUO) Action Requested: None; for information only.
2. (U/AIUO) Background: Reference is made to the attached request from the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), dated 21 October 1977. The HSCA has requested that the Agency determine whether or not Santos Trafficante had any relationship or was ever affiliated with the Central Intelligence Agency.
3. (U/AIUO) Attached is a draft of a letter which summarizes the indirect relationship Trafficante had with this Agency. The Office of Security concurs in the draft as written by the Office of Legislative Counsel.
4. (S) Also attached as Tab A are copies of material taken from the files of Johnny Roselli and Sam Giancana. This material will provide the reader with details of this Agency's relationship with these individuals and includes information regarding Santos Trafficante's involvement in an operation aimed at the liquidation of Fidel Castro. This material has been sanitized (but not declassified) to preclude release of personal information not germane to the HSCA's request as well as information regarding third parties of no apparent interest to the Select Committee at this time. While this material may be reviewed by representatives of the HSCA, it is not to be released in any form outside this Agency without prior coordination with the Office of Security.

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5. (U/AIUO) Attached as Tab B is material that requires coordination with other components of the Agency prior to release for review. Material marked in red requires coordination with the Directorate of Operations. Material marked in blue requires coordination with the Office of General Counsel or the Office of the Inspector General.

6. (U/AIUO) Attached as Tab C is material that originated with other Agency components. This material should be returned to those components for their determination as to release for review purposes.

7. (U/AIUO) Additional information regarding Trafficante, Roselli and Giancana is contained in material previously released for review regarding Frank Sturgis.


Robert W. Gambino

Attachments

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 21, 1977

OLC 87-4562

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The Select Committee on Assassinations has subpoenaed Santos Trafficante to appear before it. His appearance is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. It has been alleged from numerous sources that Mr. Trafficante was involved in various activities in conjunction with the Central Intelligence Agency.

I would appreciate it if you could determine whether or nor Santos Trafficante, in any manner, had any relationship or was ever affiliated with the CIA and inform me of this information prior to the scheduled meeting on November 2.

Further, even if Mr. Trafficante had no relationship with the CIA, he may believe that actions he has taken were at the direction of responsible persons in the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, in order for the Select Committee to obtain Mr. Trafficante's truthful testimony, it would be most useful for the Committee to have a letter from yourself releasing Mr. Trafficante of any obligation of secrecy he may have made to the CIA, to anybody who represented himself as being affiliated with the CIA or to anybody Mr. Trafficante believes was affiliated with the CIA. It would be very much appreciated if we could have this letter prior to Mr. Trafficante's scheduled testimony.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the Select Committee's investigation.

Sincerely,

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G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:dm

copy to: Mr. Doug Cummins

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel
ATTENTION: Mr. Edmund Cohen
FROM: Sidney D. Stenbridge
Acting Director of Security
SUBJECT: Dade County Police Request for
Assistance in the Investigation
of the Roselli Murder (U)

1. Action Requested: None; for information only.

2. Background: Attached herewith are responses to questions posed by Dade County Florida Police Detectives in regard to information which may be of assistance to them in their investigation of the murder of John Roselli. This Office has no objection to the information in the attachment being made available to the Dade County Detectives. However, it is our understanding that a final decision as to what will be made available will be subject to further coordination with the Directorate of Operations since that Office has had an operational interest in several of the individuals mentioned in the request.

With regard to the request for the identities of three Cubans mentioned in John Roselli's testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, this Office is aware of the identity of two of these individuals. However, it is our position that the names of these two individuals cannot be released to the Dade County Detectives without violating the principle of the protection of sources and methods of Agency clandestine operations.

Sidney D. Stenbridge
Sidney D. Stenbridge

Attachment

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The following responses are keyed to the requests made by Dade County Police Detectives in regard to information possibly related to the death of John Roselli as outlined in the Memorandum For The Record by Assistant General Counsel Gary M. Breneman dated 25 August 1976.

Paragraph 3 A. Whatever the Agency knows about the following Cuban nationals:

- i. Ramon Don Estevez
- ii. Rolando Masferrer Rojas
- iii. Luciano Nieves
- iv. Jose De La Torriente
- v. Jose Quintana
- vi. Jaquin Antonio Cortizo
- vii. Manola Artimes
- viii. AM/LASH

The Office of Security has files which appear identifiable with several of the above individuals, but a review of these files has disclosed nothing which would connect any of them with John Roselli.

- ix. What are the names of the three Cubans mentioned in the Roselli (SSCI) testimony? (Two of the three names are mentioned in a 9 December 1970 Office of Security memorandum.)

Office of Security records contain the names of two of these three individuals. It is the Office of Security's position that the names of these two individuals cannot be released to the Dade County Detectives without violating the principle of protection of sources and methods of Agency clandestine operations.

Paragraph 3 B. Information on the following U. S. citizens.

- i. Fred Black - no pertinent information in Office of Security files.
- ii. Edward Morgan - Office of Security files reflect that Morgan is an attorney and that he has represented John Roselli and

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Robert Maheu. He is believed to have been aware of Roselli's involvement in anti-Castro plotting.

- iii. Joseph Shimon - Office of Security files reflect that Shimon, a former Washington, D. C., policeman, was acquainted with Roselli but contain no other pertinent information.

Paragraph 3 C. General Questions:

- i. Who is the Cuban who provided the speedboat mentioned in the Senate Select Committee Report?

This information is not reflected in Office of Security files.

- ii. Who is "B-1" and what is the name of the anti-Castro group, both of which are mentioned on page 82 of the Report?

Office of Security defers to the Directorate of Operations in regard to identifying this individual.

- iii. Did Harvey actually pay Roselli \$2,700 to defray the Cuban expenses as mentioned on page 84 of the Report?

Office of Security defers to the Inspector General regarding this question.

- iv. Why was Roselli approached instead of Giancana or someone else?

Robert Maheu, the Agency cut-out, was acquainted with Roselli.

- v. Did the Agency do a background check on Roselli or Giancana and, if so, could they have access to it?

No background investigation was conducted.

vi. Why was all contact with Roselli stopped in 1965?

The operation was terminated in 1963. There were some sporadic contacts, direct and indirect, between Roselli and Agency officials up until approximately 1971.

vii. Would it be possible for them to talk to the man or men who served as Chief of Station in Miami during 1960 to 1965?

Office of Security defers to the Directorate of Operations on this question. ²⁴

viii. Could they talk to [the (current) Chief of Station in Miami?] ¹⁶⁻⁴

Office of Security defers to the Directorate of Operations on this question.

ix. Would it be possible for the detectives to talk to James P. O'Connell, a retired senior Office of Security employee?

O'Connell has already been interviewed by the Dade County Detectives.

x. Does CIA have any evidence that the Cuban Intelligence Service may have been involved in Roselli's death or that Cuban agents were in the Miami area at the time of his death?

The Office of Security has no such evidence.